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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EINV, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: ECOSOC ILLICIT PAYMENTS WORKING GROUP

REFS: (A) USUN 4080; (B) USUN 4079; (C) USUN 3995

1. WE APPRECIATE PROBLEMS MISSION FACES IN ATTEMPTING TO FACILITATE ORGANIZATION OF WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS BUT WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT FURTHER PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES FROM LDC CAPITALS WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT. WE PREFER TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF OUR FIRST APPROACH PURSUANT TO STATE 242005 TO SEE IF THIS WILL RESULT IN SUFFICIENT LDC CANDIDACIES TO WARRANT LARGER (27) WG AND PERMIT PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED WEO'S. REF (A) INDICATES 21 STATES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN
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2. AT THIS POINT OUR PRIORITIES ARE TO ENSURE THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP WITH BROAD ENOUGH PARTICIPATION OF SIGNIFICANT COUNTRIES TO MAKE ITS WORK MEANINGFUL AND SMALL ENOUGH TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO WORK EFFECTIVELY. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEFER FIRST SESSION OF WORKING GROUP TO LATE OCTOBER OR EVEN NOVEMBER IF WE COULD BE SURE OF FIRM DATE. SUCH DELAY WOULD GIVE US NEEDED ADDITIONAL TIME FOR USG AND UN SECRETARIAT PARTICIPATION AND WOULD IMPROVE PROSPECTS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES SENDING NECESSARY EXPERTS TO MEETING. IF WE HOLD TO OCTOBER 11 SCHEDULE AND WG IS NOT ORGANIZED UNTIL LAST MOMENT, WE WILL NEED TO HAVE A SECOND SESSION IN 1976 AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO ABBREVIATE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WG IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE A SECOND SESSION. WE WILL ALSO NEED A MINIMUM OF TWO SESSIONS OF TWO WEEKS EACH IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1977 TO DO THIS WORK AS WAS PROPOSED BY UN SEC (TNC CENTER) AT ECOSOC IN WORKING PAPER OF JULY 29.

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